

M&O
Serials
SQL 671
G84

I H E
M O N T H L Y



GULL
B U L L E T I N

VOLUME 21

SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER, 1939

NUMBER 11

October Field Trip

On Sunday, October 15, 1939, twelve members and ten guests gathered at Shattuck Avenue to explore along the shores and in the hills about Berkeley. The day was warm with a light wind. We stopped first at the Aquatic Park, where we observed a number of birds:

Eared Grebe	Ruddy Duck	Ring-billed Gull
Western Grebe	Sparrow Hawk	Bonaparte Gull
Brown Pelican	Killdeer	Forster Tern
Farallon Cormorant	Hudsonian Curlew	Meadowlark
American Egret	Least Sandpiper	Brewer Blackbird
Scaup	Northern Phalarope	House Finch
White-winged Scoter	California Gull	

Proceeding along the highway toward Richmond, we stopped near the Albany dump. Deciding to scout around, we were well rewarded by seeing a Burrowing Owl sitting stolidly in a crevice, while Audubon Warblers fluttered among the rocks. Western Sandpiper, Red-shafted Flicker, Black Phoebe, Shrike, English Sparrow and Nuttall Sparrow were also added to the list.

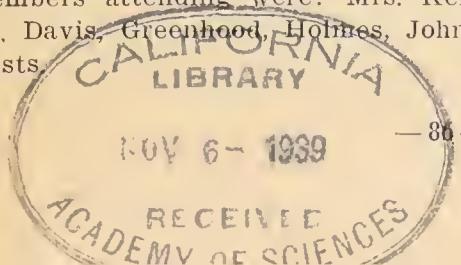
After luncheon we drove to the town of Rodeo, stopping at Pinole Point. Here because of high tide we found few birds. However, the geologic formations, particularly the strata of fossilized pectens, proved interesting.

En route to the Berkeley Regional Park we stopped at the San Pablo Reservoir. Here the bird life was quite different, giving us an opportunity to compare the birds of the rocky shores with those of the high trees and lake country. At the reservoir and between the Regional Park we observed Pied-billed Grebe, Pintail, Red-tailed Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Coot, Kingfisher, California Woodpecker, California Jay, Coast Jay, Titmouse, Wren-tit, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Green-backed Goldfinch, Spotted Towhee, Brown Towhee and Savannah Sparrow, making a total of forty-five birds for the day.

Some of the members stayed for dinner, ending a most pleasant day around the campfire. It was the opinion of those present that exploring trips of this kind are valuable in surveying new territories with reference to future trips.

Members attending were: Mrs. Kelly; Misses Blake, MacIver, Werner; Messrs. Davis, Greenhood, Holmes, Johnson, Kirker, Millard, Myer, Pike, and ten guests.

Harold Kirker, Historian.



Anhinga

The following is an addition to the list of birds of our July field trip. After the walk around Land's End a few of the party went in my machine to Lake Merced, where we hoped to see the Anhinga, *Anhinga anhinga*.

The bird was located in its usual perching tree and perfectly placed for observation. The pertinent field markings were seen when the bird spread its wings and preened itself and we observed the long neck, the large yellow bill, the white edging of the tail, and the white streaking feathers of the neck and shoulders.

Leisurely the Anhinga dived into the water and was seen swimming, after a long under-water swim. Finally he went under cover in the marine growth around the edge of the lake. The party felt amply rewarded for having continued on to Lake Merced. We have since been told that this was the last time that this species was seen on the lake. It was an oversight that we failed to report this observation before. This adds a new bird to the Association's life list.

Arthur H. Myer, Berkeley, California. October 27, 1939.



Observations

The following observations have been reported:

Mrs. Bello: Ross, Marin County, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, October 11th.

Gordon Bolander: Belmont marsh, Little Blue Heron, August 22nd; Sears-ville Lake, two Solitary Sandpipers, 23rd; Lake Merced, Say Phoebe, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Townsend Warbler, October 11th.

Mrs. Kelly: in her garden in Alameda, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Warbling Vireo, September 24th; Hermit Thrush, 26th; Western Tanager, Gambel Sparrow, singing, 30th; Fox Sparrow, October 1st; Golden-crowned Sparrow, singing, 11th; Bay Farm Island, Pipit, September 24th; Berkeley, Western Tanager, Yellow and Lutescent Warblers, 23rd; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Audubon and Townsend Warblers, 30th; Garber Park, Thrashers, singing, 15th; Dumbarton Bridge, Northern Phalarope, Pipits, numerous, September 30th; Cliff House, San Francisco, twenty-four Black Turnstones, October 7th; Stanford University campus, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, September 29th. Mrs. Kelly also reported that Mr. Charles Silbey observed for about five minutes an Indigo Bunting near Mills College, August 3rd (see August GULL for her report on this species).

Harold Kirker: Berkeley, Warbling Vireo, September 23rd; Aquatic Park, Berkeley, American Egret, September 24th.

Commander Parmenter: Sears Point Road: White Pelican, (14) August 11th, (77) 29th, (16) September 8th, (16) 28th, American Egret, (41) August 11th, (46) 29th, (49) September 8th, (13) 28th, Snowy Egret, (5) August 11th, (2) 29th, (2) September 8th; few Cinnamon Teal August 23rd, two White-tailed Kites, 11th,

200+ Long-billed Curlews, September 8th; 1000± Avocets, August 29th; 600± Avocets, September 8th, 1000± 28th; 4 Northern Phalaropes, August 29th, 16 September 8th; 4 Marsh Hawks, September 28th; Bolinas, 3 American Egrets, 2000± Pintail, 11 Northern Phalaropes, September 13th; 2 American Egrets, 28th; Bolinas-Olema road, Red-bellied Hawk, September 13th; Napa, Cooper Hawk, September 28th; Belmont marsh, 12 American Egrets, 2 Anthony Green Herons, August 23rd; Redwood City marsh, 16 American Egrets, August 23rd; Mountain View marsh, 7 Hudsonian Curlews, August 23rd; 15 Long-billed Curlews, October 4th; Searsville Lake, American Egret, 5 Anthony Green Herons, few Cinnamon Teal, 2 Vaux Swifts, Spotted Sandpiper, 2 Solitary Sandpipers, August 23rd; 5 Anthony Green Herons, September 5th; Tomales Bay, 20 Northern Phalaropes, September 13th; 2 American Egrets, 296 Long-billed Curlews, September 28th. Commander Parmenter also reported that on August 22nd Gordon Bolander saw the Little Blue Heron in the white phase at the Belmont marsh. The following morning, the 23rd, they went to the location and again observed the bird with their glasses, including a telescope 26x50 mm. They noted particularly his greenish blue bill and yellowish legs; his plumage was entirely white without apparently any traces of blue.

Surf-birds seem to be more plentiful this season than usual. On four different days we have seen ten or more. The wreck of the *Frank H. Buck* at certain stages of the tide is a favorable feeding place. Ruddy Turnstones fewer than usual, and Black Turnstones were seen very frequently, but in smaller numbers than usual.

Mrs. Vira Scott: in her garden in Alameda, Audubon Warbler, September 17th; Gambel Sparrows, singing, 21st.

Mrs. Otis H. Smith: Sears Point Road, Bank Swallow, Clapper Rail, September 17th; Chapman Park, Marin County, Yellow Warbler, September 7th; in her garden in San Anselmo, Yellow Warbler, September 7, 11, 13, 16, 23; Western Flycatcher, 7th; Cassin Vireo, 12th; Warbling Vireo, 15th; Russet-backed Thrush, (2) 27th, 30th; Chat, September 24th to 28th; Golden-crowned Sparrow, (1) 25th to 28th; Western Tanager, September 10th and 29th, October 1st.

Mrs. Stephens: Alameda, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, September 24th; Gambel Sparrows, singing, October 28th, southeast side of Lake Merced, San Francisco.

Mr. Webb: garden, San Francisco, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, September 28th, October 7th.



Los Angeles Audubon Society

An invitation is extended by the Los Angeles Audubon Society, through Mrs. Thomas R. Shearer, to our members visiting in Los Angeles to call at "Audubon House," located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, the main entrance being on Vista Street just off Santa Monica Boulevard in the Hollywood district.

Open house is held every Saturday from October 1st to June 15th. An all-day field trip is held on the first Thursday of every month, and an indoor meeting in the State building, Exposition Park, on the afternoon of the third Thursday.

Audubon Notes

November Meeting: The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, the 9th, at 8 p. m., in room 19, Ferry Building.

The program will consist of "Song Recordings of American and European Birds," by Mr. Milton S. Ray, and Mrs. Ray will recite a few of Mr. Ray's new poems.

Members may bring guests.



November Field Trip will be taken on Sunday, the 12th, to Lake Merced, San Francisco. Take Municipal "M" car to Saint Francis Circle, transfer to the Municipal bus (not street car) and get off at Estero Station. Walk through the canyon to Lake Merced. Bring luncheon.

East Bay members: The "M" car passes First and Market Streets (one block from the terminal) about 9 a. m. and 9:11 a. m. Leader, Gordon Bolander.



October Meeting: The 266th regular meeting was held on the 12th, in room 19, Ferry Building, with twenty-eight members and guests present. Mrs. Kelly presided.

The President announced that the Board of Directors had authorized the contribution of fifty dollars (\$50.00) toward the Condor Research Fund of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

Mrs. Bello reported on the increasing interest in the Junior Audubon Association in her school in Marin County.

Dr. Tracy I. Storer, of the University of California, College of Agriculture, at Davis, California, was the speaker of the evening. He gave a detailed account of the structure of birds. The intricate and specialized forms and uses of the feathers were illustrated on slides by clear and simplified drawings. Other slides showed the whole skeleton, from which Dr. Storer explained most skillfully the functioning of the wing muscles and bones.

Audubon Association of the Pacific

Organized January 25, 1917

For the Study and the Protection of Birds

President.....Mrs. G. Earle Kelly.....1311 Grand St., Alameda, Calif.
Corresponding Secretary.....C. B. Lastreto.....260 California St., San Francisco
Treasurer.....Mrs. A. B. Stephens.....1695 Filbert St., San Francisco

Monthly meeting second Thursday, 8 P. M., Room 19, Ferry Building.

Address Bulletin correspondence to Mrs. A. B. Stephens, Editor, 1695 Filbert St., San Francisco.

Membership dues, payable January 1st, \$3.00 per year.

Student memberships, \$1.50 per year.

Life memberships, \$50.00.

Members are responsible for dues until written notice of resignation is received by Treasurer.